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THE GOK IS PROVIDING SOME ASSISTANCE TO AFGHAN REFUGEES, WHICH IS BEING CHanneled THROUGH PAKISTAN. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS IN KUWAIT ARE FURNISHING DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE REFUGEES. REFUGEE ASSISTANCE SOMETIMES TAKES BIZARRE FORMS. HE RELATED TO ME SAGA OF 120 AFGHAN REFUGEES WHO TRAVELED SEVERAL

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MONTHS AGO FROM INDIA TO PAKISTAN VIA KUWAIT AIRWAYS (KAC). WHEN THE PLANE REACHED PAKISTAN, THE AUTHORITIES REFUSED TO ALLOW THE AFGHANS TO DISEMBARK BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT DOCUMENTED PROPERLY. SINCE THIS GROUP HAD TRAVELED ON THE NATIONAL AIRLINE, GOK CONSIDERED IT BORE THE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINDING A HAVEN FOR THEM. AS A RESULT, THE GOK ABSORBED THE COST OF HOUSING THE 120 REFUGEES IN A KARACHI HOTEL FOR THREE MONTHS. EVENTUALLY SOME OF THE YOUNGER MALE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE ALLOWED TO COME TO KUWAIT TO ACCEPT EMPLOYMENT, WHILE EFFORTS TO RELOCATE THE OTHERS IN EUROPE WERE SUCCESSFUL. DESPITE THE GOK'S EFFORTS, HOWEVER, A NUMBER IN THE GROUP (WHO TENDED TO BE FROM THE BETTER AFGHAN FAMILIES), OBJECTED TO THE EUROPEAN RESETTLEMENT BECAUSE THE LOCALES AND AMENITIES WERE BELOW THE STANDARD TO WHICH THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED. THIS INGRATITUDE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT SET WELL WITH THE KUWAITIS. THE NET RESULT OF THIS EXPERIENCE IS THAT HE HAS ISSUED FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO KAC THAT ITS OFFICES ABROAD SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ACCEPT ANY AFGHAN PASSENGERS WHO LACK THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION.

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